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on the bottom of the body of water in the event the lower portion of the ship makes contact therewith.

Fig. 8 is a side elevation view of a ship in which three elongated propellers in accordance with this invention can be seen in longitudinal alignment.

Fig. 9 is a side elevation view of a ship as seen in Fig. 8 but in which the upper portion of the elongated propellers is covered by an elongated housing that extends substantially the length of the ship.

Fig. 10 is an end elevation view from the rear of a ship having a pair of propellers in accordance with this invention mounted thereon, in which a rotatable closure member for the discharge openings at the rear of the propeller housing can be seen in the open position.

Fig. 11 is an end elevation view from the rear as the ship as seen in Fig. 10, but with the rotatable closure members shown in the closed position.

Fig. 12 is an elevation view from the bottom of a ship showing two propeller assemblies in accordance with this invention mounted below the hull but without the propeller housings to better illustrate the pairs of elongated propellers themselves in their relation to each other.

Fig. 13 is an elevation view from the bottom of a ship having two propeller assemblies in accordance with this invention mounted below the hull with propeller housings seen around each of the pairs of propellers, in which the longitudinal openings along the bottom of the propeller housings can be seen in the partially open position.

Fig. 14 is a side elevation view of an ocean going ship having a plurality of propeller assemblies longitudinally arranged thereon, including one such propeller assembly positioned forward of the bow of the ship to contact and

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